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OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
April 1, 1998

David Waddell  
Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37201

Re: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry into Long Distance  
(interLATA) Service in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the  
Telecommunications Act of 1996, Docket No. 97-00309

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Under separate cover, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") today is filing a Matrix of Issues. The matrix represents the issues which BellSouth, AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. ("AT&T"), American Communications Services, Inc., NEXTLINK Tennessee, Inc., Brooks Fiber Communications of Tennessee, Intermedia Communications Inc., Sprint Communications Company LP ("Sprint"), WorldCom Technologies, Inc., MCI Telecommunications Corp. ("MCI") and the South Eastern Competitive Carriers Association jointly agree are to be decided in this proceeding.

These parties (other than BellSouth) believe that three additional issues should be included, but could not obtain BellSouth's concurrence for their inclusion in the Matrix of Issues. AT&T and these parties believe that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority should include these issues as part of the proceeding in Docket No. 97-00309.

Specifically, AT&T, and the parties identified above believe that the following issues should be included in the Joint Issues Matrix:

1. Is Track A available to BellSouth in Tennessee at this time?
2. Is Track B available to BellSouth in Tennessee at this time?

3. Has BellSouth implemented intraLATA toll dialing parity throughout Tennessee pursuant to section 271(e)(2)(A) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996?

Issues 1 and 2 clearly are part of the issues to be decided in this proceeding. These issues have already been briefed by the parties and additional briefs are to be filed later this month. Although these issues flow from the Authority's decisions on Issues 1 and 2 identified on the Matrix of Issues filed today, AT&T and the other parties identified above believe that a separate decision on these issues is warranted.

Issue 3 also should be included. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires that intraLATA toll dialing parity be provided throughout Tennessee coincident with BellSouth's exercise of interLATA authority. It is appropriate for the Authority to consider BellSouth's compliance with this statutory requirement as part of this proceeding.

Accordingly, AT&T and the parties identified above request that the Authority include these three issues as part of the proceeding, and include these issues in any final issues matrix. The undersigned has been authorized to sign this letter on behalf of the parties identified above.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Lamoureux

CC: All Parties of Record